

NEW AND CLEAN.

Many Repairs and Improvements
Being Finished at the State
House.

SHARP BARGAIN ON DOME.

Contractor Lost Money Gliding It—
Granite Approaches and Buses
Cleaned—Sergeant-at-Arms Has
400 Applicants for 23
Positions.

Montpelier, Sept. 17.—Sergeant-at-Arms C. H. Ferrin is this week putting the finishing touches to the many repairs and improvements he has made at the State House since he was appointed January 1 last, and the throng of State officials and members of the Legislature who will gather there October 3, will find the capitol in splendid shape for their occupancy.

The most extensive improvement made during the past year has been the gliding of the dome and cleaning the granite steps and approaches to the State House, and the granite base to the fence surrounding the yard. The cost of the latter was about \$200. The contractor lost \$100 in cash, two coats of lead and oil and a coat of staling on the contract for gliding the dome. This was done by measuring the interior instead of the exterior of the dome, and thus not taking into account the ribs of the exterior, which took much time and considerable additional gold leaf to cover. The ironing contractor found no fault and accepted the \$1,500 paid for in their written agreement. They said, however, if they were to again sign on the job they would name a price not less than \$2,000.

In the basement of the building are stored 50 tons of coal and several cords of wood, which will be sufficient to heat it until next March or April. The old junk in the big storage room in the basement has been cleaned out and sold, a cement floor has been put in and the place is now used for storing books and papers.

Those who are familiar with the hall of the House of Representatives will notice at once that the row and shaft of wheat on the coat of arms hanging over the speaker's head, have been changed to their proper positions. The last Legislature with considerable jolting and witty speechmaking sanctioned an appropriation to do this work.

The rooms of the speaker and clerk of the House in the annex have been newly painted, the furniture has been varnished and a new entrance between the two has been made, so that the rooms of these officials are now connected and it is not necessary to go into the hall to go from one to the other. Portraits of ex-Speakers George W. Grandey of Vergennes, 1854-57; W. A. Lord of Montpelier, 1868-69; and Kittredge Hawkins of Brattleboro, 1888-1890, have been hung in the speaker's office.

The office of the adjutant general has been equipped with a new carpet, the walls have been painted, and the pictures therein perfectly grouped. The secretary of State's office also has a new carpet and the furniture has been redressed. New matting has been laid in the coat room down stairs, while freshly tinted walls and a new carpet make the private office of the superintendent of education more attractive. New carpets have also been laid in the Senate gallery. The senate chamber and hall of the House of Representatives were fitted with new draperies and carpets two years ago.

Metal filing cases have been added to the officers of the State and auditor and the court of claims. The woodwork of the corridors and throughout the entire building has been scrubbed until it shines and the big front doors have been re-rouched with paint and varnish. The statue of Ceres that surmounts the gilded dome is resplendent in fresh paint. The drip from this statue and the spilling below has formerly run down the dome. This will be prevented in future by a pipe inside the dome that carries off the water. The statue of Ethan Allen that guards the main entrance has not been overlooked in the general housecleaning. The executive chamber and office of the State treasurer and State geologist were thoroughly rejuvenated two years ago and need nothing at this time to make them in first class shape.

Mr. Ferrin will this week make the 23 appointments to positions at the State House this fall that come under his supervision and jurisdiction. For these 23 places he has about 600 applications, so he disappointed ones are sure to be in the majority. These applications have burdened Mr. Ferrin's mail for the past four months, and they began to come as early as last January. Mr. Ferrin will have a big sigh of relief when the thing is closed up and the successful ones are notified.

BENJ. WILLIAMS SELECTED.

Will Be Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs under Gov. Proctor.

Proctor, Sept. 17.—It is authoritatively announced to-day that Benjamin Williams, of this place, is to be Governor-elect Proctor's secretary of civil and military affairs when he assumes his office. Mr. Williams is about 30 years old, was born in Rutland county, and is of Welsh descent. He was assistant postmaster at Fair Haven for a while and then went to Washington for three or four years and studied law there, being subsequently admitted to the bar in Vermont. He entered the employ of the Vermont Marble company about a year and a half ago. Mr. Williams was practically in charge of the detailed work at the headquarters of the republican State committee in the campaign of 1904 and again in the campaign recently closed. He therefore demonstrated the possession of an unusual capacity for organization and administration, and his services were of great value to the committee and to the party.

VOTE IN RUTLAND COUNTY.

Rutland, Sept. 17.—The republican county committee has just succeeded in getting the detailed vote on county officers in the various towns in this county. The greatest number of ballots cast for any one candidate was 189 for Senator J. P. Porter. Manning, by majorities of the republican candidates over their fusion opponents were as follows: Manning, 1,183; H. M. Redfield, senator, 1,125; F. L. Russell, senator, 1,124; C. M. King, senator, 1,114; J. M. Lewis, assistant judge, 1,041; P. H. Plimley, assistant judge, 1,049; J. Lawrence, State's attorney, 1,131; C. Fish, sheriff, 1,149; L. R. Southworth, bailiff, 1,211.

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YOUNG ALUMNI BANQUET.

About 200 Recent Graduates of Montpelier Seminary Meet.

Montpelier, Sept. 17.—The Young Alumni association of Montpelier Seminary held its eight annual banquet this evening in the dining hall, with over 200 present. The students at the institution were guests of the association. The Rev. Fred A. Wells of Thetford acted as toastmaster at the after dinner exercises and the toasts and responses were as follows: "The Musical Student," Jacob J. Ross, '06; "Wes-

levan University," J. M. Tebbetts, '05; "Vermont," Miss Holmes; "Rochester Business Institute," C. S. Nichols; "M. S. Girls," Miss Clogston; "M. S. Boys," J. N. Seaver; "True School Spirit," the Rev. W. B. Dukeshire; "The Outlook," the Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop; Miss H. Julia Cross and Miss Fanny Severance contributed vocal solos. The banquet and reunion proved a pleasant success.

FAIR OPENS TO-DAY.

Rutland, Sept. 17.—The 81st annual Rutland county fair will open to-day to last three days. There are 80 entries

in the races which are nearly all limited to Rutland county horses. The Grangers have taken the fair in hand with a hope of pulling the agricultural society out of debt.

REORGANIZE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Peck Disbanded Hook and Ladder Co. in Montpelier.
Montpelier, Sept. 17.—A shake up in the Montpelier fire department for the purpose of increasing its discipline and

efficiency which has been contemplated by the chief engineer and his assistants since last spring was started to-night when Chief John W. Peck disbanded the Hook and Ladder company and organized a new company with officers appointed by the chief from outside the old company. These officers are A. G. Moore, foreman; Charles Wilkinson, first assistant, and D. R. Fettes, second assistant.

In taking this step Chief Peck frankly stated that it was done for the good of the department after a careful study of existing conditions. If a mistake

had been made he and his assistants were alone to blame. He thanked the members of the company for the past faithful service and urged them to join the new company or one of the hose companies the membership of which is to be increased. The new company or one of the hose is formed to handle the ladders only unless called upon by the chief to do other service at fires. The new hook and ladder truck ordered last spring is expected before October 1 and this was thought to be the best time to make the changes. The members of the company showed

no spirit of revolt as it was rumored they would but it remains to be seen how many of these 25 men will remain with the department.

NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED.

Rutland, Sept. 17.—The board of aldermen to-night appointed Charles E. McDermott of this city chief of the fire department succeeding George W. Danton, who was removed after the big fire last February. Mr. McDermott has been a fireman 15 years and has been acting chief since Danton's removal.